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| PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) FY 2006 <i>(Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).)</i> | | Docket Number (Optional) 013341-000020 |
| Application Number 10/065,279 | Filed September 30, 2002 | |
| For Barb Configurations for Barbed Sutures | | |
| Art Unit 3731 | Examiner NGUYEN, TUAN VAN | |

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):

| | <u>Fee</u> | <u>Small Entity Fee</u> | |
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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

☐ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

☒ Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer.

☐ The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.

☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. **13-4365**.

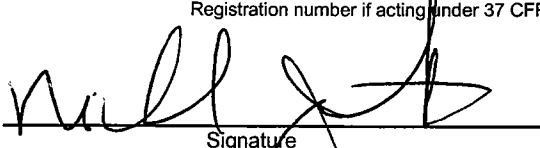
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Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed (Form PTO/SB/96).

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